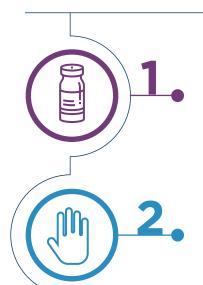


# How **Safe and Effective**COVID-19 Vaccines Come to You



#### Scientists had a head start.

 The COVID-19 vaccines were built upon years of work to develop vaccines for similar viruses.

Vaccines are safe and work to prevent COVID-19.
Millions of people in the U.S. have already received them.

- Trials included diverse participants, including Black and Hispanic/Latinx volunteers.
- Vaccines were found to help prevent COVID-19 and are effective in preventing hospitalization and death, with no serious safety concerns noted in the clinical trials.



## The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reviews trials and determines if vaccines are safe and effective.

- An independent, scientific committee checks the work.
- Vaccines are authorized and recommended for use.



### Companies manufacture vaccines and the federal government distributes them.

- · High quality vaccines are manufactured for distribution.
- The federal government ships the vaccines and vaccination supply kits to vaccine providers each week.
- Supplies are limited—states don't get all the vaccines they need right away.



#### Safety and effectiveness are continuously monitored.

- Like all vaccines, the FDA keeps checking safety through its reporting systems.
- Health care providers report serious side effects or serious illness.

